

Special Back to School Edition, Fall 2011

Cultural and Religious Pluralism Today: Building Civility and Unity

The Salt Lake City Library will host a four-day conference September 8 -11 at the Main Library, 210 East 400 South. You do not need to register in OnTrack in order to attend, but if you register and attend seven hours of sessions over the course of the four days, and submit a reflective essay about the experience, what you learned, and how you might use what you learned in your teaching, you will be eligible for .5 USOE credit. To register for credit, go to OnTrack and register for course #33615 http://usoe.truenorthlogic.com/ and see the library on Facebook at http://dacebook.com/slcpl

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Save the Date: Social Studies Saturday Seminar October 15

More info to follow soon, with registration links, for the latest in the series of Utah Council for the Social Studies' long-running conferences. This fall UCSS joins forces with the Utah Geographic Alliance to offer even more great social studies choices.

Civics Education

Newsweek had a great article on Sandra day O'Connor's work on civic education:

http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2011/07/02/sandra-day-o-connor-on-her-american-civics-video-game.html

Teaching about 9/11

The New York Times has some thoughtful ideas about teaching about 9/11:

http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/08/29/teaching-911-why-how/

UEN has compiled resources about 9/11 as well:

http://www.uen.org/core/socialstudies/patriotday

If you are teaching about 9/11, commemorating the day, or "doing history" by having students collect oral histories, please let me know. We can share what is most effective with one another.

NCTA Seminar on East Asia: A Blended Course with Classroom and Online Sessions

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) is holding an NCTA Seminar on Modern East Asia (1800 to the present) for Salt Lake City area secondary teachers. (There is also one in Grand Junction, Colorado if that is closer, Eastern Utah folks). This 34-hour seminar offers teachers the opportunity to engage in study, analysis, and discussion of new scholarship related to Chinese and Japanese history, geography, and culture. Content will address the National Standards in World History.

Eligibility: This seminar is open to any Utah middle or high school teacher who is teaching courses that include the study of China and/or Japan at the time of the seminar, and who is able to commute to Salt Lake City for five Saturday meetings. Four additional sessions will be delivered on line. Class limit: 15 teachers. And 2 hours graduate level university credit available for \$120.

Seminar Location and Leaders: The seminar will meet on five Saturdays at The BYU Salt Lake Center. There will be a total of 22 face-to-face classroom hours, led by NCTA local seminar coordinator Mark Peterson together with prominent Asian Studies faculty from both BYU and the UofU, with four additional asynchronous online classes (at the participant's convenience) providing 12 more hours of instruction with NCTA national staff member Jon Zeljo.

Seminar Dates: Face-to-face Saturday class sessions from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on September 17, September 24, October 29, December 3, 2011, and January 14, 2012. *Please plan on attending a make-up session on December 10 as snow date for the November or December sessions, <u>if necessary</u>. Attendance is required at all five Saturday meetings (although one excused absence is possible in rare circumstances).*

Participation is free. Registration is limited to 15 eligible teachers on a first come-first serve basis; register early to ensure a place. There are only a few slots left. To register, send me the info below: Robert.Austin@schools.utah.gov

Registration Deadline is September 9, 2011

Name			School name		
Home address			School address	City	Zip
City	State	Zip	School phone		School fax
Home phone			E-mail address		

Please list your fall 2011 courses/grade levels:

Constitution Day September 17

Check out UEN's Constitution related resources. You will find web sites, books, videos and lesson plans.

http://www.uen.org/general_learner/constitution/

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Utah Geography Bee

Sheila Powell, our resident Geography Queen, writes:

Don't forget to register for the Geography Bee! All school registration details are handled through National Geographic. Schools must register ever year. For the registration info you requested see the following links:

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/how-schools-register/

Deadline for registration (\$90): October 15, 2011 Late registration ends (\$110): December 9, 2011 School Bees: November 14, 2011-January 13, 2012 Qualifying Test received by: January 31, 2012

State Bees: March 30, 2012 National Bee: May 22-24, 2012

Newspaper Map Tool Perfect for Social Studies

Adam Dastrup, from Salt Lake Community College, sent this link. It looks great! A website using Mapping for history and social studies for current events.

http://historytech.wordpress.com/2011/08/31/newspaper-map-tool-perfect-for-social-studies/

UEN Will Come to You!

UEN is bringing free professional development workshops to your school or district this fall. We'll customize any course for five or more educators. We're also offering several popular online classes and allowing for larger enrollments. Because of remodeling underway at Milton Bennion Hall, no courses will be offered on the U of U campus until January. To arrange a presentation at your site, contact the professional development manager, Victoria Rasmussen at victoria@uen.org or 801-581-7862.

C-SPAN Education Department

I get the C-SPAN newsletter, and it is always chock full of civics ideas. Here is the link:

http://www.c-spanclassroom.org

United States Senate Youth Competition

Dawn Hauser of Granite School District, coordinator of the Utah competition for U.S. Senate Youth, writes:

Please push the Senate Youth program. Junior or Senior student government/class officers may win a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C.! **Each high school may send** *two* **students to the competition.** This is a great scholarship program for Utah's high school juniors and seniors. Our state Senate Youth competition will be held on Friday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center, 645 S. 200 E., Salt Lake City, UT. I will need the name and portfolio of your school's student representatives by Tuesday, November 1. If you have questions, I can be reached at Granite School District at 385-646-4547 or dlhauser@graniteschools.org.

Utah will choose two students at the state competition to send to Washington for a week in March, where they will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Here is what one of our winners, Houston Bodily, had to say about the program:

Among the many experiences I have been involved with in the last few years concerning government and politics, none have served as a more enjoyable and greater learning experience than Washington Week with the US Senate Youth Program. Between all the incredible speakers, the fascinating places we visited, and the many remarkable people we met, it is hard to pick just one absolute favorite instant. Each moment, from meeting the President in the White House, hearing from prominent speakers, to the extravagant dinners each night, and the wonderful tours of museums and monuments, contributed to such an overall amazing and unforgettable event... Not only did it impress me how many brilliant young men and women were represented by our country, but it also gave me a renewed sense of humility and political interest as every conversation I had with one of my fellow delegates provided me with new insights and knowledge. Furthermore, it inspired me to continue to achieve to my own potential and then improve my talents that I might further contribute to society so that I might follow down the path that these future leaders of America will take.



Thanks for all you do for Utah students! Have a great school year.

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